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## EARLY BIRDS GET PANCAKES



photo by Spc. Jon Christoffersen

1st Sgt. Michael Robinson from Fort Carson's 2nd Transportation Company, serves eggs to attendees of the 41st Annual Street Breakfast held in downtown Colorado springs.

The breakfast is the first promotional event leading up to the "Pikes Peak or Bust" Rodeo, scheduled for August 8 through 12.

## Staff sergeant promotion percentage reaches all-time high

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — The Air Force has selected 20,793 of 32,170 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant for the 01E5 cycle, an overall 64.63-percent selection rate.

This is the highest promotion rate in the 30-year history of the Weighted Airman Promotion System, Air Force Personnel Center officials here said.

The selection rate represents a 13.89-percent increase from last year's previous record of 50.74 percent.

The average selectee this year has 1.95 years time in grade and 4.73 years in service.

In June, the technical and master sergeant promotion rates were also at an all-time high. These record-setting percentages continue partly because of force stabilization.

"During the drawdown in the early to mid-'90s we just weren't able to promote people because there were limited vacancies," said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Haley, enlisted promotion and military testing branch chief here. "Now that the force has settled and end-strength numbers have leveled off, we've got

more vacancies."

More vacancies have been created by more first- and second-term airmen than expected choosing not to re-enlist the past couple of years. When 'retention' is low, it leads to more staff sergeant slots that are then filled through promotions, he said.

A 2-year-old Air Force initiative that increases the number of E-5, E-6 and E-7 vacancies has also improved promotion opportunities.

Previously, the percentage of "top five" noncommissioned officers was limited to 48.5 percent of the enlisted force, a number that officials here anticipate will continue to rise.

"We think these opportunities, with earlier promotions and pay increases, should be a great incentive for airmen to stay in the Air Force," Haley said.

People who tested will receive score notices which will let them see how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they competed with for promotion within

their

Air Force  
Specialty Code.

The average score for those selected was 263.67 points based on the following averages:

- 130.00 points for enlisted performance reports;
- 50.43 points for promotion fitness exam;
- 52.60 points for specialty knowledge test;
- 17.96 points for time in grade;
- 11.71 points for time in service; and
- 0.84 points for decorations.

Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant beginning in September and continue to August 2002.

The Air Force will release the names of those promoted the first duty hour July 19. July 20 for those units across the international date line.

See Page 11 for Schriever's list of selectees. The complete list of selectees will be posted on the AFPC home page by July 21. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



# Just another day

Gerald McMillan  
50th Civil Engineer Squadron

Everything was routine that day at work. I had arrived at the armory at about 5:30am to draw my weapon and get all of my other gear I would need for patrol that day. We had guardmount and received all of our instructions and pass ons. Not to mention the no notice open ranks inspection. After taking over my vehicle with my partner for the day, I was prepared to settle in for a normal eight hours of security patrol.

At about 9:30am I got a radio call from Central Security Control that I was to report to the squadron commanders office ASAP. I wondered, what have I done now?

My mind raced over all of my activities over the last couple of weeks. Let’s see, no bounced checks that I knew of, no missed appointments. I passed my career development course test with flying colors. What could it be? Then I remembered the line numbers for tech sergeant were due out, that’s it! I made rank!! Man what a way to start the day, already I was counting the extra money I was going to get with those stripes. I couldn’t wait to tell my wife.

I arrived at the security police building and after securing my weapon with my partner, I almost ran to the commander’s office. As I waited outside the office, I notice that people somehow avoided looking at me. Even the orderly room clerk who was almost always very talkative was strangely silent.

After a few moments, the first sergeant opened the door and asked me to step in. As I entered, I noticed my flight sergeant and supervisor. Yeah that’s it; I’m getting those stripes.

Then I noticed another person in the room, who I recognized as one of the chaplains on base, and no one in the room was smiling. In fact they all had a strange blank expression. Something was wrong. It was then that I had my heart torn out. As the commander began to tell me there was a very bad traffic accident that morning somewhere downtown. He then told me that he was sorry to inform me that my wife and eight year old son were killed.

Time just stopped, I felt like I couldn’t breathe, life was being sucked out of my body. My wife, who was my best friend, my soul mate, my confidant; and my son who I worshiped, who was the best thing in my life, who loved airplanes and wanted to be a pilot, who I would sit with every Saturday afternoon and watch wrestling, were both gone.

The dis-believe quickly turned to anger, when the first sergeant said they had been killed by a drunk driver, who was an non-commissioned officer from the base who ran a red light. A drunk driver! who in their right mind would be drinking so early in the morning?.

I thought about all the commander calls where the subject of drinking and driving was discussed, I thought about how at each break, we were cautioned about drunk driving and were informed about all the RIDE programs, how the commander had even given out his home phone number with a promise to pick up anyone who had had too much to drink, with no repercussions. I just couldn’t believe it; just like that my whole family was gone.

The story you have just read never happened, at least not to me. My wife and I have been together for fourteen years and my son has just turned 21. We have a beautiful nine year old daughter.

But somewhere in America, this story has happened and continues to be repeated day after day because people still use bad judgement and get behind the wheel of a vehicle after having too much to drink. Drunk drivers are out there. They come in all colors, ages, male or female. It is still a national nightmare. But we all can do something about it.

If you know you have been drinking, call a cab, give your keys to a sober friend,or learn about the safe ride programs in your community. Did you know most taxi companies will take you home for free, if you been drinking too much and need a ride? Take the keys from a friend who’s had too much to drink. Volunteer to be a designated driver at events where alcohol will be served. We all can do something.

With all the education about drinking and driving and the results, it’s a tragedy that this is still a big problem. Remember the story I told you is fiction, it never happened to me. Let’s help each other to keep it that way for all of us.

# Understanding the important relationship between effective leadership, learning

Lt. Col Tom Krusemark  
CC, 50th Cont. Sq.

Anyone in a leadership position understands that a large part of the equation of being a leader involves managing change. Change is one of the most difficult challenges that face subordinates in the workplace.

Changes bring forth-associated adjustments in new leadership philosophies and management styles, which ultimately affect the manner in which we perform our tasks to accomplish the mission. What’s important in spite of all of the immediate changes that potentially occur in an organization is the effective processes we have learned along the way from all of our leaders.

Effective leadership and effective learning of efficient processes will always be the key ensuring mission success. The following are some important processes that should remain constant to integrating leadership and effective learning in an atmosphere of changing leadership.

*Leaders move their organizations in the proper direction toward achievement of goals and strategies that support and improve accomplishment of the mission.*

Effective learning involves making sure your people understand the mission and the role they play in the overall defense posture of US forces. The readiness of US forces is directly tied to the individual efforts of everyone involved. Everyone represents a “piece of the puzzle” in piecing together the elements that make-up a strong defense. Despite changes in leadership, maintaining our strong defense posture will

always be our constant in effective communication of leadership to our people.

*An effective leader communicates leadership goals to their people, carries out a plan for implementation, delegates’ responsibility for carrying out the plan, and devises strategies for monitoring implementation. Effective learning of strategies for monitoring employee performance, and understanding the strengths and weaknesses in your organization will greatly assist you in knowing where to delegate responsibility.*

**Know your employees strengths and weaknesses.** Capitalize on strengths to supplement mission area needs and provide a forum for recognizing opportunities for people to shine. Everyone needs to have a sense of worthiness and dedication to accomplishment of the mission, and what better way than to capitalize on a person’s strengths to improve mission area needs. Likewise, understand weaknesses, and as employees learn to improve in those areas, allow them to make mistakes in areas that will not severely degrade the mission. A credible leader must have the ability to enhance the organization by bringing out the unique strengths of each member, despite obvious weaknesses.

*An effective leader communicates an obvious underlying theme in their management style of order and consistency to key issues like readiness, availability, and sustainment.* There is a significant difference between a peacetime and wartime military. As leaders, we must always be attuned to what it takes to be prepared to deploy on a moment’s notice. As General Schwarzkopf once said “It doesn’t take a hero to order men into

battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle”.

**Peredeployment planning is key to successful deployment.** Effective learning of key mobility practices to include making yourself visible as a leader to the families of the people deploying is crucial. The entire squadron should be energized to develop a support network to attend to such needs as childcare, housing needs and morale support over holidays. Forming a spousal support group for deployed personnel is a successful means for formulating a family type feeling in the squadron. This not only helps the loved ones left behind, but reassures the deployed members that their loved ones are being adequately cared for while they are away. Understanding the economic, political, competitive, and technological trends in society will help shape our views on how we approach problem solving in the work place. It is absolutely crucial as leaders that we are well versed in current events related to global and regional national security. It is equally important to understand and be fully aware of regional and global conflicts. This realization will prepare us to more efficiently perform our unique mission task areas to more respond effectively when needed.

In conclusion, we all realize that changing leadership is inevitable. What doesn’t have to happen though is changing the constants that make up good leadership. Decide on your leadership focus and how to get there, provide guidance on your established goals and provide a roadmap on how to achieve those goals. Change does not need to be a painful process.

## Correction from last week’s paper

In last week’s issue of the Satellite Flyer, the story, “Summer fun can be dangerous, be prepared,” was wrongly credited to the 50th Space Wing Safety Office. The true writers were the 50th Civil Engineer Squadron, Fire Department. We apologize for the mistake and appreciate you submitting the story.

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News briefs

QDR: Blueprint to military transformation

If you read the newspapers or watch television, you are hearing a lot about the Quadrennial Defense Review. What exactly is this QDR and how does it affect service members?

The QDR is the vehicle the Department of Defense will use to transform the American military. Defense leaders will use the information generated by the QDR to shape the budgets.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has sped up work on the 2002 review so officials can use it to help build the fiscal 2003 DOD budget request.

Financial system overhaul may save DOD \$30B yearly

A panel of outside experts recommends the Department of Defense overhaul its financial management and accounting operations to realize private-sector-like efficiencies.

The six-member study group, appointed earlier in the year by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld as part of his strategic review, outlined its recommendations July 10 at a Pentagon news briefing.

DOD, Education Coalition seek help for students in transit

“Welcome. We care about you and your success in this new place.” That’s the message the Department of Defense and the Military Child Education Coalition want to send transitioning students of military families, according to Charles Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy.

“Not only is it the right thing to do, it’s also an investment in our future,” Abell told more than 300 coalition members, educators, parents, DOD representatives and military personnel July 11 at the coalition’s annual conference in Palm Harbor, Fla.

The nonprofit coalition is an advocate for all military and military-related students who attend public, private, host nation and home schools.

photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Horton



The 50th Support Group welcomes a new face to their top office during a change of command ceremony held July 13. Col. Larry James, 50th Space Wing commander, passed the guidon to Col. Steven Prebeck during the ceremony. Prebeck, who took over command from Col. Paula Thornhill, comes to the group after just attending the National War College.

Support group changes hands

Staff Sgt. Steve Horton  
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Col. Larry James, 50th Space Wing commander, ushered in a new era of command Friday when he officiated the 50th Support Group change of command ceremony and welcomed Col. Steven Prebeck to Schriever.

Prebeck took command from Col. Paula Thornhill, who moves to the National War College in Washington, D.C. and will become the

new dean. He comes to the support group after having just attended the National War College.

The colonel brings a variety of experience to his new assignment. After entering the Air Force in 1979 he worked as a missileer, operating the Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic missile system and conducting operational testing on both the Minuteman III and Peacekeeper ICMBs.

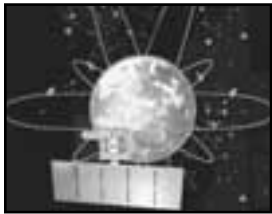
After graduating from

both Air Command and Staff College and the School of Advanced Airpower Studies, he transitioned to Air Force Space Command, where he developed space doctrine and policy and then served on the commander’s action group.

Returning to operations, he directed testing of space forces as the operations officer for the 17th Test Squadron, then took command of the 5th Space Surveillance Squadron,

Royal Air Force, Feltwell, England. Prebeck then became the deputy operations group commander for the 21st Operations Group at Peterson AFB.

“Thank you Col. James for the opportunity to command,” said Prebeck. “I promise to maintain the best environment possible to continue the great work the support group has already accomplished.”



# Schriever expands mission, becomes SBIRS backup

Schriever is now a key player in a future satellite system that will warn America of any worldwide missile launches.

Tech. Sgt. Kate Rust  
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Space Command announced June 28 that Schriever Air Force Base will be home to the Space Based Infrared System Mission Control Station Backup, or SBIRS MCSB.

This selection comes on the heels of a thorough review of several candidate sites. AFSPC conducted the initial study iden-

tifying candidate sites in 1997. Schriever was selected due to its existing security and support infrastructure plus its key association with the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the Air Force Satellite Control Network.

“We have complementary space capabilities at Schriever so it makes sense that Schriever would take on these new space missions,” said Col. Larry James, 50th Space Wing commander.

The Schriever facility will provide peacetime backup mission support to the primary SBIRS Mission Control Station at Buckley AFB, Colo. It will report key information such as missile launches against the United States and its allies. The

command is required to maintain continuous missile warning support to the North American Aerospace Defense command, the National Command Authorities and other forward users throughout the spectrum of conflict from peacetime to war.

In peacetime, SBIRS consolidates missile warning operations in a single control and reporting station at Buckley. Since there is always potential for natural disasters or terrorist acts in peacetime, a geographically separate backup is necessary to reliably meet this continuous reporting requirement.

With approval from Congress, construction of a 52,000 square-foot building is slated to begin in March,

according to Peter Minck, 50th Space Wing SBIRS facilities integration. The SBIRS MCSB is expected to reach initial operational capability in fiscal year 2005. Military construction costs are estimated at \$18.5 million, with communications and processing equipment costs estimated at \$52 million.

With SBIRS, the Schriever family will grow. The MCSB is expected to require up to 50 military personnel for operations, with support from up to 50 civilian contractors, all of whom will be assigned and hired specifically for this mission.

“One of the challenges will be recruiting and retaining qualified personnel,” said James. “It is a high-tech area and people

with those skills are in demand throughout the nation, so getting the folks here, training them and keeping them here will continue to be a challenge.”

Developing the tactics and procedures for these new missions will be another challenge. “There will be a lot of potential new capabilities and we need to determine how best to use those capabilities to conduct military operations,” explained the colonel.

“It’s certainly an exciting time for Schriever,” said James. “I think the visible expansion of the base is recognition of the importance of the space mission for our national defense.”

*(AFSPC Public Affairs contributed to this article.)*

# Warren, Schriever teams garner command teamwork awards

Lynn Gonzales  
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. -** Teams from F.E. Warren and Schriever Air Force Bases recently showed their collective mettle by creating programs that have helped their units and just might help the Air Force become more efficient.

For this, both teams won the Air Force Space Command 2001 Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award.

Of eight teams competing for the annual award, the 90th Space Wing's Operations Support Squadron Conundrum Improvement Team and the Space Warfare Center's Talon Radiance Team at Schriever stood out.

Team Conundrum tackled the challenge of improving the skill and performance levels of 90th SW ICBM operators. After conducting extensive research, the team transformed a paper-based system that monitors training performance and provides feedback to a computer-

based system that allows real-time access, which resulted in increased inspection ratings.

"Nobody knows what everybody does, and our system allows that kind of access," said Capt. Tim Owens, Conundrum Team leader and emergency war order training officer for the 90th OSS. "This award is going to help us expand. Since this isn't just a missile-related system and can be applied at other units, we'd love to get it to as many places as possible."

The Talon Radiance Team helped an Air Force Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities, or TENCAP, evaluation team accomplish its task more efficiently and effectively. They developed a process that allowed the various organizations on the TENCAP team to conduct tests on military utilities using less time and money.

"Most of these types of awards are a contest of processes," said Russ Dewey, Talon Radiance Team member and SWC senior systems engineer. "All the processes competing are valuable, but our project has a direct impact on the warfighter. To get the project done, everyone on the team did their part and 20 percent of someone else's even when it wasn't needed."

A seven-member technical review team made up of representatives from various Headquarters AFSPC directorates looked at each team's approach to improving the specific situation, how the solution was accomplished and what the results were.

"All the teams worked hard to implement their improvement programs and put together their nomination packages," said Marlene Kelley, AFSPC CSTEА coordinator. "The teams that won spent nights, weekends, or whatever it took to get the job done. That's what the award signifies."

The two teams will make formal presentations with about 20 other teams to a panel of judges at the Air Force-level competition held Sept. 13-18. The competition is part of the Air Force Association National Convention in Washington, D.C.

# AEF prepares for evolutionary changes

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — While the first two aerospace expeditionary force cycles focused on early notification, predictability and stability for Air Force people, Cycle 3 will concentrate on team-oriented deployments.

“We pretty much relied on ‘brute force’ to get off the ground and went right into the execution phase (in the first aerospace expeditionary force cycle),” said Col. Walter Burns, commander of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va. “By the end of Cycle 1, the 120-day deployment notification goal was fine-tuned, and we’ve improved on that during Cycle 2.”

The 15-month Cycle 2 began in December and runs through February.

AEF officials noticed in Cycle 2 that the current “unit type codes” — positions grouped together to provide specific warfighting capabilities — were designed to meet the nation’s strategy of being able to fight two major theater wars at the same time.

“They were all very large UTCs,” Burns said, and were in contrast to the much smaller needs of ongoing requirements like operations Southern Watch and Northern Watch. So UTCs are being redesigned to reflect the demands of the

current world environment.

The redesign effort focuses on building modular, scalable UTCs that allow force providers to respond to the full spectrum of military operations. With

smaller, scalable UTCs, many of the teams deploying for AEF Cycle 3 will come from a single base, rather than individual members deploying from many bases, Burns said.

“Before, you would have seven or eight different bases providing one or two or three people to go over to do the work in a particular shop,” Burns said. “The team developed after they got off the plane and reported for duty. There was no coherent team aspect there. That’s what we’re trying to fix right now.”

Currently, deployment taskings for a large Air Force wing are spread across all 10 AEFs that make up a cycle.

“A base like Langley would have people on the road all the time,” Burns said. “But now, our goal is to tap a wing hard once, and then not so hard during a second on-call period. This will keep bases such as Langley and Shaw from being deployed all the time.”

The teaming concept also means most expeditionary combat support troops will travel at the same time as the aircrews and maintainers in their unit.

Burns said one of the challenges is to define the maximum team contribution a wing can provide before home operations

are affected.

“We’re telling folks that you have to expect some pain, but we don’t want to break a wing,” he said.

Burns said airmen need to be aware of the changes.

As the Air Force transitions to the Cycle 3 teaming concept with more specific assignments, some people who are in AEF 5 and 6 may be moved into AEF 7 and 8, or AEF 9 and 10, said Burns.

“So there will be a short-term impact on predictability and stability,” Burns said. “But wing officials can help mitigate this issue.”

For example, he said, if an airman is moved to an earlier AEF and that creates a problem, the squadron commander could identify a replacement. The commander could then put the airman in an “available to deploy” category.

“We want to be upfront and tell the field that, yes, there may be some impact, but this is an evolutionary improvement in the AEF process. In the long run, this will benefit everyone,” Burns said.

Additionally, AEFC officials are working to expand the number of people in the AEF library — or pool — who are available to deploy from 120,000 to 200,000 airmen. This leaves a larger number of people to choose from, reducing the impact on individuals and bases, Burns said. The current effort to expand the AEF library will make it easier for the Air Force to support joint exercises out of the library, said the AEFC commander.

Once the 200,000 goal is reached, the AEF will be able to source large-scale overseas exercises, such as the biennial exercise Bright Star, from the AEF libraries. The Air Force will test this con-

cept this fall by using some on-call forces in Bright Star.

“If you are in your AEF window and you’re available to deploy, it could now mean your deployment could be to Operation Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, the Balkans or Bright Star,” Burns said.

Security forces deployments highlight one example of the benefits of this change. Previously, security forces would deploy for about 70 days for Bright Star during their training cycle and then turn around and have to deploy to the desert when they were in their AEF window.

“This blew their personnel tempo goals out the window,” Burns said. “When you’re a security force troop, the last thing you want is to do is to go to a large-scale exercise like Bright Star and then a few months later go to an extensive deployment in the desert.” With the Cycle 3 kick off in March, there are many pressing challenges ahead. Getting the UTCs sized correctly and expanding the AEF library are top priorities.

“We want to eventually get the AEF into a repeating rhythm of activity. We want to continue to improve quality of life, enhance our retention efforts and make deployments better for our airmen,” he said.

Burns said education is also part of improving AEF operations. This summer, the AEF center’s outreach teams will travel to Air Force bases to talk about the changes for Cycle 3. This will be an opportunity to get direct feedback from the field and highlight key AEF updates. The team will visit Schriever Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

# JNTF gives behind the scenes look

Tom Mahr  
Joint National Test Facility

Col. Charles Winstead, deputy director of the Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense Organization and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Rick Odom, JTAMDO's analysis and demonstration officer, received a series of familiarization and update briefings during their recent visit to the Joint National Test Facility.

JTAMDO was established in 1997 to integrate the DoD's requirements and acquisition activities for Theater Air and Missile Defense



**The Joint National Test Facility hosts visitors from the Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense Organization. Col. Charles Winstead, deputy director JTAMDO, and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Rick Odom, analysis and demonstration officer, were briefed about the equipment the JNTF uses when hosting wargames.**

effectively and efficiently.

Winstead and Odom were briefed on the JNTF's hardware-in-the-loop test program, wargame capabilities, analysis activities, support to the National Missile Defense program and audiovisual capabilities.

They also visited the JNTF's

High Performance Distribution Center, where they were briefed on the capabilities of several of the JNTF high performance computers used to support state-of-the-art wargaming activities, including the two JTAMDO wargames hosted by the JNTF last year.

# Program provides win-win-win situation

Capt. Rives Duncan  
50th Space Wing Chaplains Office

People often talk about a win-win situation. How about a program that makes it possible to win-win-win-win? The Black Forest Slash-Mulch program does just that.

Slash-Mulch is a volunteer program that takes slash (tree limbs, small trees, sticks, etc.) and grinds it into mulch. By encouraging people to remove the slash rather than leaving it on their property, they help to reduce the danger of brush fires. It also helps people with this kind of waste get rid of their slash. Grinding the slash into mulch provides a ready source of practically free mulch to people who want it. And the only cost involved—a requested donation of canned goods or cash—benefits the local community by providing food for the local food pantry.

How does it work? Bring your slash (no lumber, nails, dirt, stumps, roots, ties, household trash, or noxious weeds) to the site to drop it off. Mulch can be loaded up by hand or, on certain dates, for \$3 per bucket a front end loader can load your vehicle.

The program will run until Aug. 26. The site is open on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. until dusk and on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. It is located in Black Forest on Herring Road about a tenth of a mile south of Shoup and about one mile east of Black Forest Road.

For more information or to volunteer, call Ruth Ann Steele at 495-3107 or visit the following websites: [www.elpaso.com](http://www.elpaso.com) or <http://home.rmi.net/~csfswpd/>.



# Golfers shoot plenty of birdies, eagles in tournament



photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Horton

▲ Tim Metcalf watches as his drive finds the fairway during Monday's golf tournament at Appletree Golf Course. The tournament generated approximately \$1,000 for the Schriever Diamond Council to use for things such as professional military education awards, annual awards and other morale programs on the base.



▶ Vance Clarke checks out the scoreboard as scores get posted. Teams gathered around the to keep updated as each score was posted and groans could be heard by teams when a score better than theirs was put up



photo by Bethanne Kubecka



▶ Metcalf and Gray watch intently as Matt Cook putts for birdie. The putt dropped, helping the team to a tie for third place with a 13-under-par, 59.

◀ Jeff Gray crushes another drive. "We played some solid golf today," he said about his team.



Staff Sgt. Steve Horton  
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

More than 80 golfers put their skills to the test Monday at Appletree Golf Course in the Schriever Air Force Base Diamond Council sponsored tournament.

Keeping true to form, the team of John Mochowski, Jim Ladwig and Matt Burba and Scott Leach shot a 19-under-par, 53 to win yet another tournament. Finishing second and posting a 17-under-par, 54 was Ken Davis, Joel Stolzmann, Jay Harbert and Barry Krueger.

"It was a great day for golfing," said Matt Cook, whose team finished tied for third with a respectable 13-under-par, 59. "We sure are getting tired of losing to those same guys every tournament. Maybe they should move up to the Professional Golfers Association tour, because they either are real lucky, or real good."

Prizes were also given out for the closest to the pin and the longest drive. Thomas Groat won closest to the pin on the 148-yard par three 17th hole. Steve Horton took the prize for the longest drive.

The money raised by the Schriever Diamond Council will be used for many enlisted programs throughout the year.

"The great weather added to the outstanding event," said Chris Brown, one of the tournament coordinators. "It's events like this that help drive our morale programs and add to Schriever's esprit de corps."

◀ Dave Warner urges his ball toward the hole as teammates Warren Miller and Larry James, 50th Space Wing commander try to get a read on the line.





photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Horton

Omar Basnight puts up a shot for the 2nd Space Operations Squadron during Tuesday’s championship game. 2nd SOPS defeated 4th SOPS 15-7 to claim the title of “King of the Court.”

# Basketball tournament crowns king of the court

Staff Report  
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

The fitness center held a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on the recently resurfaced court Tuesday.

The final battle of the tournament named the 2nd Space Operations Squadron team as the “Kings of the Court.”

Six other teams fought during the tourna-

ment, they were from the:

- 50th Civil Engineer Squadron
- 17th Test Squadron
- 50th Space Wing
- 4th Space Operations Squadron
- Det. 11
- 50th Support Group

The 4th SOPS and 50th CE teams rounded out the top three. 4th SOPS took second and the 50th CE team took third.

NATIONAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS		
PLACE	UNIT	RECORD
1st	18 IS	9-1
2nd	50 OSS	8-2
3rd	50 CG	7-2
4th	3SOPS	6-4
5th	310 SPACE GROUP	6-4
6th	HQ SWC	2-6
7th	1SOPS	4-6
8th	17 TS	1-9
9th	50 OG/OGV	0-9

AMERICAN SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS		
PLACE	UNIT	RECORD
1st	2 SOPS	10-0
2nd	50 CES	8-2
3rd	50 SFS	7-3
4th	NOPS	5-5
5th	JTNF	456
6th	50 MSS	4-7
7th	DET 11	2-9
8th	4 SOPS	1-9
9th	SMC/TEOC	1-9

# Wing announces newest staff sergeant selects

**50th Space Wing**  
Lana Birdwell  
Jeffrey Soto  
**50th Communications Squadron**  
Arthur Beard  
Courtney Cooley  
Christa Duknoski  
Christopher Nicholsen  
Scott Reedy  
Anthony Rice  
Marcia Robertson  
Brian Rowe  
David Yuschalk  
Joseph Driscoll  
Scott Graves  
Dandrea Joyce  
Nathaneal Kowalski  
Clifford Palmer  
Christopher Rowand  
Jennifer Soemisch  
**50th Operations Group**  
Guillermo Santiago  
**50th Operations Support Squadron**  
Sarah Meeks  
Rebecca Cronis  
Samuel Griffin  
Brandi Limousin  
Shane Metzger  
**2nd SOPS**  
Carissa Fitterer  
Cory Beebe  
Christopher Bilderback  
Edward Cook  
Eric Johnson

Natasha Miles  
Antwon Saunders  
**3rd SOPS**  
Juan Gutierrez  
Robert Newbery  
Heath Roberts  
Jean Schilter  
Leon Lala Jr.  
Shawn Springsteen  
**4th SOPS**  
Clifton Ames  
Daniel Barr  
Mark Davis  
James Davis  
Lance Dickerson  
Michael Irvine  
Jennifer Kasprzak  
Robert Upton  
**50th Support Group**  
Luis Aguilar  
Rebecca Brennan  
Madelyn Payne  
Roxann Rice  
**50th Civil Engineer Squadron**  
Juan Baret  
Eric Cisco  
Joshua Cleven  
Brian Keenan  
Lee Milburn  
Jeffrey Miller  
Jason Panetti  
Trier Richard  
Darry Robinson  
Jose Zaragoza

**11th Space Warning Squadron**  
Matthew Bowman  
Naomi Brown  
James Browning  
Tyrone Clark  
Thomas Dickerson  
Joshua Hanson  
Geneva Rose  
Terry Witmer  
Andrea Flowers  
Jamie Walker  
**18th Intelligence Squadron**  
Pamela Barbee  
**533rd Training Squadron, Det. 1**  
Dwayne Francis  
Brian Harrison  
**Air Force Technical Applications Center, Det. 46**  
Heath Davis  
William Mattaliano  
**595th Test and Evaluation Group**  
April Ragland  
Space Warfare Center  
Christopher Schmitt  
Richard Leahigh  
**527th Aggressor Squadron**  
Zachary Adams  
**17th Test Squadron**  
Jamie Gaston  
**1st Space Operations Squadron**  
Michael Wheeler  
Gary Brown

Chad Browning  
Mark Eaker  
Christopher Fehrm  
Kevin Flowers  
Jason Jaworski  
Leslie Johnson  
Reginald Key  
Jennifer Liddle  
Kimberly McAuliffe  
Brian Popham  
Melanie Sekerak  
Raymond Soliz  
Spiri Tsitsilianos  
Duane Wilson  
Aaron Wingate  
**850th Communications Squadron**  
Michael Austin  
Kimberly Wilson  
**22nd SOPS**  
Heather Harrison  
**50th Security Forces Squadron**  
Rayshon Meeks  
Matthew Arsenault  
Jeremy Babcock  
Roderick Gentle  
Candice Gregory  
Richard Jones Jr.  
Michael King Jr.  
Dulci Owens  
Gerald Russell  
Clair Smith  
Johnna Smith  
Stacey Woodward

## PME graduates Schriever members

Congratulations go out to the 50th Space Wing’s recent Professional Military Education graduates.

The United States Air Force Academy graduated its recent Airman Leadership School class July 11. Senior Airman Brandi, 50th Operations Support Squadron, and Senior Airman Aaron Wingate, 1st Space Operations Squadron, were among the graduates.

The Non-Commissioned Officer Academy graduated its recent class July 13. Among the technical sergeant graduates were Valdemar Olvera, 2nd Space Operations Squadron; Michael Barlow, 4th SOPS; Steve Brinker, 50th Support Group; Lavon Coles and David Tran, 1st SOPS; Ricky Miller and Devlin Hughes, 850th Communications Squadron and Jodie Bevins, 50th Space Wing.

### Top 3 grants education aid

The following Schriever Air Force Base personnel earned grants through the Top 3 Education Grant Program, which awards \$50 towards higher education for junior enlisted members:

- Airman 1st Class James Allen - 50th Communications Squadron
- Senior Airman Latina Hickson - 50th CS
- Airman 1st Class Amelia Jimenez - 50th Mission Support Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Lasandria Hill - 50th CS
- Staff Sgt. Theresa Williams - 850th Communication Squadron

For more information regarding this program, please contact Master Sgt. Brian Percy at 7-2233.



CAREER ENHANCEMENT

### AFSPC Vigilant Eagle Board

Air Force Space Command's Vigilant Eagle Operations Squadron Commander Selection Board is set for Aug. 16-17. For more information, visit the board's web site at: <https://midway.peterson.af.mil/2letters/dp/vigilanteagle.htm>.

### SNCOA correspondence course

The College For Enlisted Professional Military Education has advised the education office that Course 0005 is on backorder and individuals who have not received their materials yet will probably experience a delay. Materials should be available approximately Aug. 15. Course enrollment dates will be adjusted to compensate for the late shipment. Students who have their materials are not effected by this situation.

### AWC Nonresident Studies Seminar

Recruiting for the Air War College Nonresident Studies Seminar Program is now underway. This is an ideal way to complete senior PME, combining self-study with a formal, semi-structured meeting environment highly conducive to learning. Seminars are scheduled to start in early August and will run until June. The program is open to active-duty, guard, and reserve colonels, lieutenant colonels, and lieutenant colonel selectees (or their equivalent) of any component of the U.S. armed forces and civilian employees.

Applications for enrollment into the seminar program are being accepted now.

To enroll, an individual must use the application form available at

[ttp://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/ans/ns-enroll.htm](http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/ans/ns-enroll.htm). Once the enrollment is completed, print it and bring it to the education office. Sign up now or you will have to wait until August 2002 for the next seminar academic year to begin. Contact Mike Madsen at the Base Education Office, 556-7738 for more details.

### Air Command and Staff College

The Air Command and Staff College seminar program will start in August.

Majors or major selectees from all services are eligible to enroll as well as GS-11s and above. Application forms may be picked up at the education center.

After 26 June, the education office will start putting the enrollments into the Base Level Personnel Management System which will flow to Air University. Course material will be mailed directly to the student once the enrollment has been processed. The material will consist of a Multimedia CD-ROM and course books.

Seminars meet for approximately 10.5 months, 3 hours per week. It should be noted that the number of missed sessions for each student is no longer a factor and attendance will not be tracked or recorded. For more information contact Lisa Simon at 6-7392.

NEED TO KNOW

### VEAP/MGIB conversion

Public Law 106-419 provides an opportunity for certain Veterans Education Assistance Program participants to now participate in the Montgomery G. I. Bill.

The Education Office has received a list of eligible members and has started to notify individuals through e-mail. If you do not have e-mail at your desk or you feel you are eligible for the program and have not been notified, stop by the

office or call 6-4064.

Individuals wanting to convert from VEAP to the MGIB will have to fill out a DD Form 2366 and pay \$2,700 to the finance office. They may also request a refund of any VEAP funds still in their account by filling out a VA Form 22-5281. Both forms need to be signed by an education office staff member in order to complete the process.

The education office is located in building 1141, just west of the library and south of the BX, 301 W. Stewart Avenue. More information can be found at the Veterans Administration Web Site <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>.

### Change in hours of operation

The Flight Surgeons Office at Peterson Air Force Base Clinic hours of operation will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday beginning Aug. 1. Walk-in sick call on the weekends will remain the same.

### Veterans administration's top-up program

Public Law 107-14 was signed by the President on June 5, 2001.

Under PL 107-14, the amount of Top-Up benefit a person uses will reduce his or her Montgomery GI Bill entitlement. Entitlement is the number of months of MGIB benefits people are entitled to use.

The amount of entitlement charged for Top-Up payments is determined by dividing the amount of Top-Up payment by a person's full-time institutional rate. The present full time rate is \$650 per month which means one month of entitlements will be charged for each \$650 paid out by the VA under the Top Up Program.

This provision is retroactive, so people who have already received Top-Up payments will be affected.

VA does not have final procedures for

implementing this change in the law. New information will be disseminated as it becomes available.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Perroni's retirement dinner

Col. Jack Perroni Jr., 50th Space Wing vice commander, is retiring Aug. 2. The ceremony will be held at the Peterson AFB Enlisted Club and the social hour will be from 6-7 p.m. with the program starting shortly thereafter. All interested in attending can get tickets from unit POCs at \$14 for club members and \$17 for non-club members.

### Family Support Center classes

Classes are held in the Peterson Family Support Center classroom, 135 Dover Street, Bldg. 350, Rm. 1016, unless otherwise specified. Registration is required for all classes. To register, please call the FSC at 556-6141 or stop by Rm. 1016.

**Job Orientation-** Thursday or Aug. 2 from 1-2:30 p.m. This class gives a brief overview of information on the local job market and how the Family Support Center can help your job search.

**Resume Review Class-** July 30, from 9-11 a.m. In order to take full advantage of this class you must bring a draft copy of your resume. The employment team will coach you on ways to improve your product in order to secure the job you have targeted.

**Bundles for babies-** Aug. 14 from 1-3 p.m. If you are a pregnant Air Force active-duty member or pregnant spouse of an Air Force active-duty member, you are invited to attend this class sponsored by Headquarters Air Force Aid. Learn about budgeting for a baby and how to calm a baby. All eligible personnel will receive a special gift complements of HQ Air Force Aid. Dads are encouraged to attend.